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**ATTORNEY GENERAL'S INVESTIGATION OF JACKSON-MADISON COUNTY
GENERAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT CLOSED**

Attorney General Paul G. Summers announced today that his office has completed and closed its investigation of the competitive and nonprofit activities of the Jackson-Madison County General Hospital District. The District, which is a private act hospital authority, operates a comprehensive healthcare organization in the City of Jackson, in Madison County, and surrounding counties. The District's "flagship" hospital is the Jackson-Madison County General Hospital.

The Attorney General said that he appreciated the District's cooperation with his office's investigation, which lasted for about one year. Attorney General Summers, in announcing the conclusion of the investigation, said that "any questions or concerns that my office might have had about the District's operations have been fully answered and resolved. I am satisfied that the District and its Board of Trustees are committed to fulfilling the District's mission statement by providing quality, affordable health care to the Jackson-Madison community."

Jim Moss, Chief Executive Officer of the District, said that he was pleased that the Attorney General's inquiry had been concluded. Both Mr. Moss and Sammie Arnold, the Chairman of the District's Board of Trustees, emphasized the District's commitment to its operating in accordance with its mission--that is, "providing high quality compassionate healthcare" to the citizens of West Tennessee.

Consistent with the District's desire to furnish affordable as well as high quality, compassionate care, and in the spirit of its working relationship with the Attorney General, for the next three years, the District will: (1) submit an annual report to the Attorney General describing how the District is using its Fund Balance and its capital assets to further its mission; (2) provide the Attorney General with its

Community Benefit Report, itemizing the types of charity care and free services the District provides to the people of West Tennessee; and (3) use the Hospital Consumer Price Index as the upper limit for any price increase at Jackson-Madison County General Hospital.